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FIG. 1

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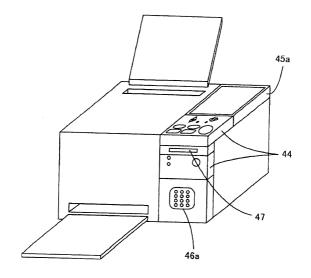


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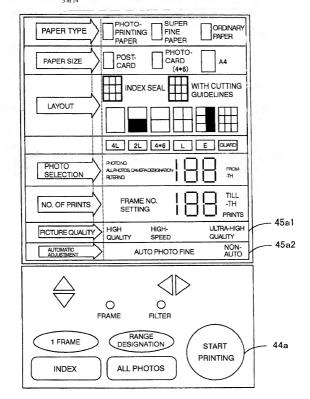


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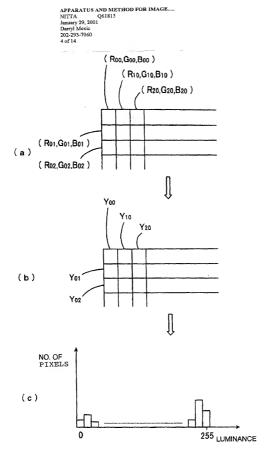


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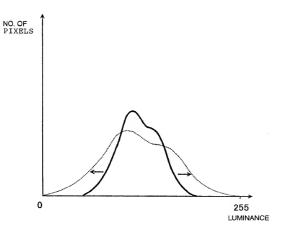


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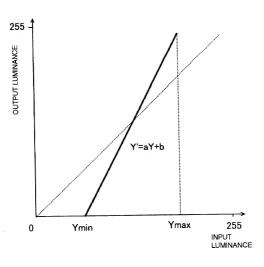


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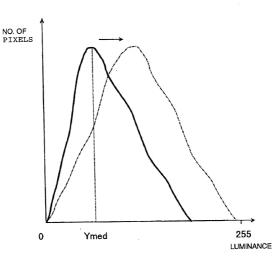


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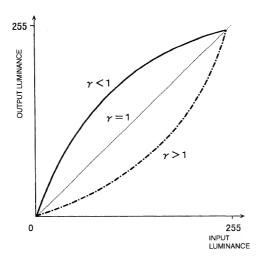


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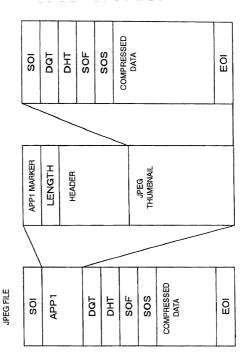


FIG. 9

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FIG. 10

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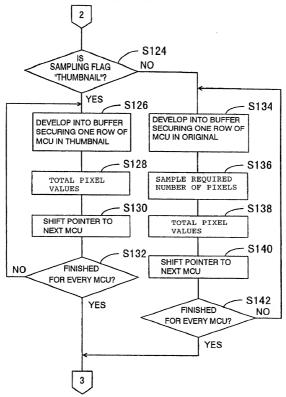


FIG. 12

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FIG. 13

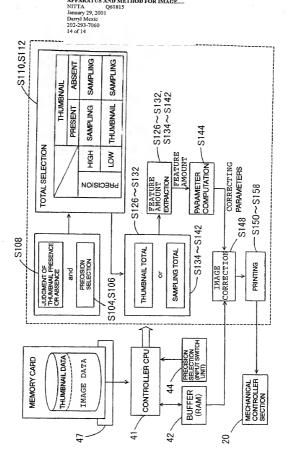


FIG. 14